In The Senate of the United States

Sitting as a Court of Impeachment

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In re:)
Impeachment of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.,)
United States District Judge for the)
Eastern District of Louisiana)
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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' OPPOSITION TO JUDGE G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENDED EVIDENTIARY HEARING

The House of Representatives (the "House"), through its Managers and counsel, respectfully opposes Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.'s "Motion for an Extended Evidentiary Hearing." In support of its Opposition, the House respectfully submits:

The House believes this case can be tried and completed in the week of September 13–17, 2010 if each side is allotted 20 hours of trial time. This may well require occasionally setting longer than an 8 hour day, but it is achievable. This estimate assumes a good faith effort to stipulate to uncontested facts, including authenticity of documents. The House has presented 308 proposed stipulations of fact and designated numerous documents whose authenticity should not be in dispute. Judge Porteous has not responded to date to these proposed stipulations, nor has he proposed any stipulations of fact or authenticity.

The House anticipates listing a total of 20 potential witnesses. Several of them are listed on a contingent basis and may not be called to testify. Judge Porteous has not produced a meaningful witness list to date, but there is an indication that he intends to list 18 witnesses.

The virtue of a specific number of hours for each side to try its case is that it forces all parties to use the time allotment economically and not waste time on peripheral matters.

Accordingly, the House reiterates its view that each side should be allocated 20 hours to try its

case and that the trial should be completed during the week of September 13, 2010, as presently scheduled.

WHEREFORE, the House opposes Judge Porteous's Motion for an Extended Evidentiary Hearing and believes that Motion should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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